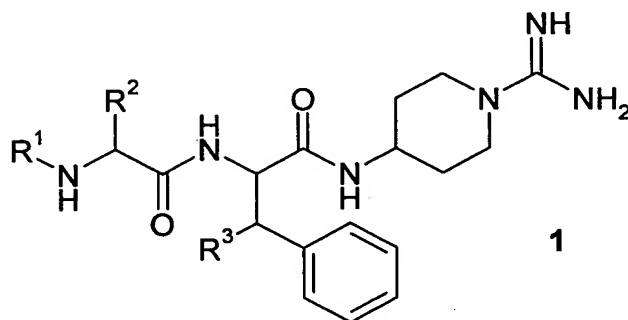


ABSTRACT

Compounds of general formula 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,



wherein

R¹ is selected from H, lower alkyl, R⁴-CO, R⁴-O₂CCH₂, R⁵-OCO and R⁵-SO₂;

R² is selected from lower alkyl, cycloalkyl optionally substituted with an alkyl or alkyloxy group, (C₅-C₁₂)cycloalkylalkyl optionally substituted with an alkyl or alkyloxy group, aralkyl optionally substituted with up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, I, OH, lower alkyl, O-(lower alkyl), O-benzyl, NH₂, NO₂, NH-acyl, CN and CF₃, and aralkyloxymethyl optionally substituted with up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl); or

R¹ and R² together are an o-xylylene group optionally substituted on the aromatic ring with a group selected from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl);

R³ is selected from H, OH and O-lower alkyl;

R⁴ is selected from H, lower alkyl and phenyl; and

R⁵ is selected from lower alkyl, phenyl and benzyl.

The compounds are useful as pharmaceutical compositions.